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- Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.121
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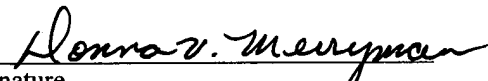
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121, mailed July 7, 2005, please find the corrected "Amendments to the claims" section of Applicant's previous Amendment submission of June 27, 2005.

Re-submission of Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.